

BILL NOT OF BENEFIT TO SOLDIERS

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—"Adjusted compensation" under the provisions of bonus legislation passed by the House would entail the payment of \$1,250,000 in cash within thirty days after final passage of the bill, toward Hale, chairman of the executive committee of the veterans of foreign wars, today told the senate finance committee.

Plans for vocational training and aid in home building provided in the bill would call for expenditures of approximately \$2,000,000,000, Hale said. Hale said the great majority of the soldiers would take a bill or a treasury certificate rather than the other forms of compensation provided in the bill. He proposed that aid be given to the soldier who wishes to build a home in the city.

"The soldiers, I believe, will take the service certificate because of the borrowing feature at the end of three years," Hale agreed.

"After reading this so-called bonus bill, I am, as an ex-service man of the world war, fully convinced that the bill is anything but a bill for the benefit of ex-soldiers," Marvin Gates Sperry, president of the Private Soldiers and Sailors Legion, declared. "It is not a soldiers' bill. It is a loan speculators' bill, under the false pretense of being a bill to give the soldiers a bonus. It is, in fact, a bill to prevent soldiers from getting a bonus drawn and supported by men and organizations who were at one time openly opposed to a bonus bill while openly professing to be in favor of it.

"The very terms of this alleged bonus bill are such as to strongly arouse the suspicion that its authors are not really in favor of a bonus, but are using this bill as a means of occupying the time for congress and blocking the passage of a straight bonus bill. This bill was at first called by its sponsors a four-fold bill, and later it became a five or six-fold bill. In fact the folds and wrinkles in it became so numerous that one could tell just how many of them there really were.

"Then the gentlemen who manufactured this legislative woodpile with many Senagamians in it, proceeded to pile a vocational training provision which it apparently intended to deprive the soldier of most of what benefits he now derives from the present vocational law.

"Then these would-be guardians of the soldier proceeded to set up another insurance scheme.

"Finally this bill sets up a revenue provisions for raising the money to meet the cost of the measure by a system of taxes so numerous and complex that no one today can tell what amount will be raised or on whom the burden of the taxes will fall, with the sole exception that it is definite in heavily increasing the tax on the ex-service man's tobacco, cigars and cigarettes.

"Our bonus bill in contrast to the endless complications of this bill, is plain, short and to the point. It is as follows, and anyone can understand it:

"Be it enacted that Section 1498

of the war re-enact act of 1918, approved Feb. 25, 1919, be amended by adding the following words after the word "each" in the last line:

"Be it further provided that all persons serving in the military or naval forces of the U. S., as herein described, shall be paid in addition to all other amounts,

HOBART

Mr. William Hale was taken to the Mercy Hospital at Gary Wednesday where he was operated upon for appendicitis. His condition is serious.

The following were prize winners at the card party given by the Royal Neighbors Lodge Wednesday evening: First, Miss Tillie Ewigleben; second, Miss Loretta Malone; third, Mrs. A. G. Knight.

Miss Ruthie Neef returned last evening from a week's visit with relatives at Winona.

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